# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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COMMUNICATION FAILURE IN KOLKATA ATC
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the communication system of ATC Kolkata with several incoming flights to Kolkata Airport remained disrupted for more than half an hour causing grave danger to passengers of those flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted any enquiry into the incident to ascertain the causes of this failure;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to take any steps so that such incidents do not occur in future; and

(f) if so, the details there?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, there was problem in on-board VHF equipments of one Jet Airways aircraft which resulted in jamming of frequency and blocking other aircraft operating on the same frequency. There were four other aircraft operating at the same time which were subsequently advised to change over to other frequency and operate on other frequency.

(c) to (f)To deal with such situations in accordance with ICAO Standards a procedure is already in place which was followed in the instant case also.